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SBA Opens West Michigan Office in Grand Rapids

DETROIT – The U. S. Small Business Administration is pleased to announce that it has opened an office in **Grand Rapids**. The agency has selected **Brian Picarazzi as Senior Area Manager for the first SBA office located in West Michigan.**

Richard Temkin, SBA's Michigan District Director, said, "We are excited to have Brian Picarazzi represent SBA in West Michigan where he will work to increase the visibility of all SBA programs. He will be responsible for working with our lending partners to increase SBA-backed loans to small businesses. In addition, he will work with local SBA resource partners, as well as business and community organizations, to assist more small businesses. Picarazzi will serve a 12-county region of West Michigan.

New to the SBA, Picarazzi most recently was a Branch Manager for Regions Financial bank in Florida. Originally from upstate New York, Brian is married with two young children and resides in the Grand Rapids area.

The SBA office is located in the Ford Federal Building in Grand Rapids. **Picarazzi can be reached at 616-456-5512. The counties he will serve are Allegan, Barry, Berrien, Cass, Kalamazoo, Kent, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Ottawa, St. Joseph, and Van Buren.**

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